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Hon. Leslie Kobayashi
Magistrate Judge
United States District Court
300 Ala Moana Boulevard
Honolulu, Hawaii 96850

Re: Carl Ragasa, et al. v. County of Kauai, et al.
Civil No. 03-00540 BMK

Dear Judge Kobayashi:

This request is submitted on behalf of Defendants COUNTY OF KAUAI ("County"), KAUAI FIRE DEPARTMENT ("KFD"), DAVID SPROAT ("Sproat"), ROBERT KADEN ("Kaden") and SIDNEY KINI ("Kini") (Sproat, Kaden and Kini collectively referred to herein as "Employee Defendants") (County, KFD and Employee Defendants collectively referred to herein as "County Defendants"), regarding the Settlement Conference scheduled for Monday, August 14, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

On behalf of the individual defendants Sproat, Kaden and Kini, it is respectfully requested that they be excused from personally attending the settlement conference. Sproat and Kaden are retired from the County and Kini is an active fire fighter with the County. It would present a hardship to have these individuals fly from Kaua'i to attend the conference.

More importantly, Mr. Trent Wood, representing the County insurer, will be available by phone to participate fully in the settlement conference. As Mr. Wood is in Arizona, it is also respectfully requested that he be allowed to participate by phone.

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We have advised counsel for Plaintiffs and co-defendant Sage of our request to excuse the individuals and to have Mr. Wood participate by phone. Neither has expressed any objection to our request.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

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